

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE****5                   SERVICE DISCOVERY IN A NETWORK OF AUTOMATIC  
                  PRODUCT/SERVICE DISPENSING MACHINES**

A method, system, and computer program product for providing products to a user via an automated product  
10 dispensing machine is provided. In one embodiment, an automatic product dispensing machine in a micronetwork of proximally located diverse automatic product dispensing machines receives a request for an item. Responsive to a determination that the item is unavailable at a current  
15 automatic product dispensing machine, the automatic product dispensing machine provides a user with an alternative redemption product, such as, for example, a coupon that may be redeemed at another automatic product dispensing machine or at a nearby store.